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POPULIST CONVENTION.

The Day in the Silver Convention Was
Largely Devoted to Speeches—Mr. St.
John Makes Out a Strong Indictment
Against the Gold Bugs—Mr. Bryan's
Chances Are Bright for Endorsement
by Both Conventions.

St. Louis, July 23.—At 10:05 Senator
Butler, the temporary chairman of the
Populist convention, appeared on the
platform. Simultaneously, the band
struck up "Dixie" and the delegates un-
corked some of their pent-up enthusiasm.

Five minutes later Chairman Butler
called the convention to order and the
Rev. Mr. Smith offered an invocation for
the Divine blessing.
The report of the committee on creden-
tials was called for, but no one responded
and the States were called for members
of the committee on permanent organiza-
tion and resolutions. The delegates sat
in the sweltering heat while the announce-
ments were being made. Almost every-
one in the hall had supplied himself with
a palm leaf fan, and the thousand or
more fans waved convulsively in the pit
like the wings of myriads of yellow but-
terflies hovering above a clover patch.

After the announcement of the commit-
tee on permanent organization the mem-
bers retired. While other announcements
were made a "middle of the road" man
attempted a demonstration.

It was dramatically arranged, but it
only served to demonstrate the hopeless
minority of the straightouts. A squad
of "middle of the roaders" headed by
Delegate Branch, of Georgia, suddenly
plunged into the hall through the main
entrance and came whooping down the
center aisle. Mr. Branch bore aloft a
white banner, with the inscription "Mid-
dle of the road, a straight ticket." At
the sight of it the Texas, Georgia,
Maine, Missouri and Mississippi delega-
tions mounted their chairs and yelled at

form. The band then occupied the time
while the delegates fanned and sought the
water barrels.

At 12:45 another motion to take a re-
cess until 3 o'clock was made and it was
carried.

The delegates were promptly on hand
for the afternoon session. Just before
the hour of 3 o'clock a delegate climbed
laboriously up the steps of the platform.
He was plainly very weary from the
efforts of several days of hard campaign-
ing. He strengthened himself up with
some difficulty and brought his umbrella
handle down with a crash on the chair-
man's table.

"If this is a Populist convention?" he
shouted in a husky, unsteady voice, "for
God's sake don't get into the Democratic
band wagon."

The crowd laughed and the "middle of
the roader" let himself carefully down
the steps and disappeared in the direction
of the Texas delegation.

At exactly 3:30 Temporary Chairman



THOMAS E. WATSON.
A Delegate from Georgia.

Butler rapped the convention to order
and announced that the committee on
credentials would submit a report. His
announcement was taken up and repeated
by sub-chairmen stationed in various
parts of the hall, delegates in remote
portions of the Auditorium having com-
plained that they could not hear what
was going on. Delegate Wardwell, of
California, chairman of the credentials
committee, read the portion relative to the
delegation where there were no contests
was agreed to and then the trouble be-
gan.

The Colorado contest was then taken
up and a motion to adopt the report of
the committee, recommending the seat-
ing of what is known as the Patterson
delegation.

Mr. Patterson said that he was unwill-
ing to have a vote upon the question un-
til the minority could present a report.
He offered a motion that the Colorado
contest be postponed one hour. This
was carried.

"This," said a Texas man, "is mag-
nanimous, but Tom Patterson can't catch
us with any such taffy. He is not in the
'middle of the road.'"

The Illinois case was taken up then.
The majority reported that the two de-
legations from Cook county be seated and
the vote divided. There was much con-
fusion while the States were being polled.
The vote was taken on the proposition
to give the seats to the Taylor delegates.
It was not a test vote in any respect.

The result was announced: 665 for the
majority report and 649 for the minority.
The anti-Bryan delegates hailed the an-
nouncement as a victory for the "middle



JERRY SIMPSON.
"The Socksless Statesman."

of the road" element and they were very
joyful. A Kansas delegate challenged the
correctness of the count. There was a
good deal of excitement. Delegates
crowded up to the front of the plat-
form and the assistant sergeant-at-arms
could, with difficulty, prevent them from
climbing up to the secretary's desk. The
greatest confusion prevailed.

Lafe Pence, the former Congress-
man from Colorado, who was at the head
of the New York delegation, called for
the report on permanent organization and
made some rather sharp comments
about the time frittered away. Several
delegates attempted to move an adjourn-
ment until 8 o'clock, but Mr. Pence re-
fused to yield the floor for such a motion.

But when E. A. Cooke, of Virginia,
chairman of the committee on perma-
nent organization, came forward to make
his report, a dozen delegates jumped to
their feet and protested that a report
from another committee was not in order
until the report of the committee on
credentials as a whole had been agreed to.

Mr. Washburne, of Massachusetts,
who was temporarily in the chair, ruled
the points not well taken. He also de-
clined to entertain an appeal.

A report of the committee on perma-
nent organization was then read. The an-
nouncement of the selection of Senator
Allen, of Nebraska, for permanent chair-
man was the signal for a wild Bryan
demonstration which lasted several

minutes. John W. Hayes, of New Jer-
sey, was selected for secretary and the
other temporary officers were made per-
manent.

The minority report naming James E.
Campion, of Maine, for permanent chair-
man, set the "middle of the road" on
fire. The Texas and Georgia delegates
climbed on to their chairs and yelled like
Indians. Several large "middle of the
road" banners were paraded through the
aisles. The Western delegates as a rule
took no part in the demonstration. "One
of the Georgia delegates pulled up his
State standard and followed the "middle
of the road," which was held aloft by two
members of the delegation, one white
and one colored. The standards of
Texas, Arkansas, Ohio, Mississippi,
Missouri and several other States joined
the procession. In a scuffle for the pos-
session of the Alabama guidon, the staff
was broken and a free fight was almost
precipitated. Bedlam reigned for ten
minutes. When order was at last restored
the names of the signers of the minor-
ity report were read.

When the name of the Illinois member
of the committee was read that delegate
jumped up and announced that his sig-
nature was forged. His name was with-
drawn.

Delegate Blaser, of Texas, then moved
that Campion's name be substituted for
that of Allen for permanent chairman.
E. Gerry Brown, of Massachusetts,
moved to lay both the majority and
minority reports on the table, pending
the report of the committee on rules.
He said he had made this motion in the
interest of a compromise candidate. But
there were cries of "No, no," from all
parts of the hall. It was evident that
the temper of the convention was for ac-
tion. Mr. Pence, a Bryan man, moved
the previous question. It was ordered
amid much confusion and the roll call of
States was called on the question of
adopting the majority or minority report.

Meantime night was falling, but the
electric lights were not turned on to dis-
pel the gloom and there was some ap-
prehension of a repetition of the experi-
ence of last night when the convention
sat for an hour in total darkness.
Several candles were brought in and
placed on the press tables. The excite-
ment on the floor was intense. There
was a realization on both sides that the
actual test had come. In the gathering
gloom there were loud cries of "Turn on



DAVIS H. WAITE.
He is on the Battle-Grind.

the lights." Some one answered from
the platform that the electric lamp had
not been "trimmed." "That won't do,"
cried the irate delegates and serious
trouble was imminent when suddenly
the electric lamps sized and the hall was
flooded with a blaze of light.

The constant gain made the Bryan men
enthusiastic and they cheered lustily at
every announcement. The "middle of
the road" men got a good chance to
cheer, however, when North Carolina,
which divided 75 to 20 to the first vote,
divided her vote equally between Allen
and Campion. While the clerks were
figuring up the tallies, it became noised
about that the result showed an over-
whelming majority for the Bryan forces
and the "middle of the roaders" were
very much downcast. One of the Texas
delegates shouted: "Perhaps we misun-
derstood the question." "No you did
not," shouted Jerry Simpson across the
hall. "We knew where we were at all
the time." The Bryan people laughed
with glee at this rejoinder.

A moment later the chairman announ-
ced the result as 758 for Allen and 564 for
Campion. The Bryan men screamed
with joy. They got on their chairs and
cheered. They whirled their coats, um-
brellas, hats and everything movable
aloft. They uprooted their State
guidons and paraded them about the
aisles.

Another row occurred over the pos-
session of the Alabama standard, but the
Bryan men at last carried it off. Only
the Texas and other "middle of the
road" Southern delegates sat silently in
their seats during the wild demonstra-
tion. The guidons of the Bryan States
danced for five minutes about Nebraska.
The band played but it could just be
heard. Four colored men with banjos
got near the stage and sang a Bryan
song. The scene, with the exception of
the fact that the galleries did not par-
ticipate in the demonstration, very much
resembled that at the Coliseum in
Chicago when Bryan was nominated. It
lasted about eighteen minutes.

After order was restored Delegate Wil-
liams, of California, climbed onto the
stage. "We have made a square fight,"
he shouted, "we have been fairly beaten
and in the interest of peace and har-
mony, I move that the selection of Wil-
liam B. Allen as permanent chairman be
made unanimous." His motion was
carried with a hurrah, but there were
loud cries of dissenting in the direction
of the Lone Star delegation.

On Mr. Pence's motion a committee

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consisting of himself, "Cycone" Davis
and Ignatius Donnelly were appointed to
escort Senator Allen to the platform,
who spoke at length upon the issues of
the day.

When Allen made a favorable refer-
ence to Bryan there was a demonstration
and much disorder. He asked: "Do you
want to elect McKinley?" "No," came
the answer. "Nor Bryan either?" said a
voice.

It was 9:30 when Senator Allen con-
cluded. Several attempts to secure an
adjournment were made, but Senator
Butler, acting as a delegate, moved the
appointment of a committee to confer
with the committee of the silver conven-
tion. There many and loud cries of
"No," but Senator Butler's motion was
carried with a loud chorus of ayes and
great cheering. The Bryan men were ap-
parently in full control of the convention.

The committee on rules then made its
report. Little interest was manifested
in it and before the convention had acted
upon it, Lafe Pence moved an adjourn-



J. P. JONES.
Interested in the Silver Cause.

ment until 10 o'clock to-morrow mor-
ning and then at 10:00, the convention
adjourned.

In a few minutes the hall was deserted.
A VIRGINIAN ON IT.

The Populist committee on platform
includes General Coxey, of Ohio; Carl
Brown, Washington, D. C.; General
Weaver, of Iowa; James O. Field, Vir-
ginia; J. D. Mutehead, Alabama; J. K.
Hines, Georgia, and W. R. Henrick,
North Carolina. South Carolina and
Florida not represented.

ARE VERY CONFIDENT.

St. Louis, Mo., July 23.—The Bryan
people are becoming more and more con-
fident of the endorsement of Bryan by the
Populist convention. They are now
claiming that he will be named on the
first ballot. Most of them concede, how-
ever, that it will be very difficult to secure
similar action on Sewall's behalf. They
have not abandoned their efforts in this
direction.

PRETTY STRONG LANGUAGE.

St. Louis, Mo., July 23.—The Post-Dis-
patch to-day publishes the following:
"Any man who says that I have agreed
with the Populists, or any other party,
for a compromise on the Presidential can-
didates is a liar and the truth is not in
him."
J. K. Jones.

THE SILVER CONVENTION.

The Session Yesterday Was Largely De-
voted to Speeches.

St. Louis, July 23.—When Chairman
St. John called the convention to order
at 10 o'clock he said he was sorry to be
compelled to announce that the Rev. Dr.
Nicols, who was to open the convention



EUGENE V. DEBS.
Prominent at the Convention.

with prayer, had been called from the
city.

Congressman Newlands moved that a
committee on ways and means be ap-
pointed to raise funds with which to de-
fray the expenses of the convention.

Charles A. Towne, vice-chairman, was
then introduced. He said that the press
of the country had apparently forgotten
the sacred duty and had become the
plaint of monopoly. Money was the
god it worshipped. But the day of re-
generation was at hand. History was be-
ing made to-day. The people had been
lax, but had determined to manage their
own affairs. They had suffered grievously
at the hands of monopolies and trusts,
but hereafter they would look after their
own affairs. He denounced the pernicious-
ness of the present money system.

The single gold standard would ruin
the masses of the people. In November
they would relegate the parties of the
monopolies to oblivion and put in power
men who had the interests of the people
at heart.

The speaker referred to the bolt of
Senator Teller from the Republican con-
vention and spoke of the "heroism and
patriotism" of the Colorado Senator, to
the delight of the delegates. Next he re-
ferred to the nomination of Mr. Bryan
and eulogized the Democratic candidate
in glowing terms.

This evoked the biggest demonstration
which has thus far characterized the
convention.

Ex-Governor John P. St. John was
then called upon to speak. He was
greeted with cheers. He said that a few

months ago nearly every one believed that
nothing on earth could defeat McKinley
for President, but the surrender of
American interests to Great Britain at the
Republican convention had fallen on
McKinley like a bolt of lightning. It
changed the sentiment of the whole
country. Free silver at 16 to 1 would
sweep the nation. The people had arisen
and would defeat "the corrupt gold
power." But to do this, a vast deal of
missionary work must be done. There
were thousands and thousands of voters
who had been misled by the "goldbugs."

Never in the history of America had it
been so hard to keep gold here as under
the present system. Under it \$262,000,
000 worth of bonds had been issued and
the working people plundered by the
"Wall street syndicates and English
sharps." When Mr. St. John ended his
talk a big banner upon which was painted
two human figures was displayed; one
was marked "McKinley" and the other
"Monopoly," above was "Down these."

The next one to address the convention
was Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, of Indiana.
She denounced the "gold bug monopoli-
sts" and "Wall street plutocracy" and
"English bond sharks" and said the only
salvation of the people from serfdom was
to declare for the free coinage of silver.
She denounced Mr. McKinley and the
platform on which he stands. She de-
nounced the Republican party, the liquor
traffic and the rum power of the world.
The saloon-keepers, the rum power and
the anarchists, she said, were with Mc-
Kinley. So were the thieves of Wall
street. As Mrs. Gougar concluded she
called upon the band to play "America"
and the delegates to join in singing,
which they did.

At the request of the Connecticut de-
legation Judge Jos. Seldon, of that State,
was given the stand. His remarks were
a review of the foreign trade relations as
affected by the silver issue.

Delegate Hall, of Illinois, moved that a
poll of the delegations as to their former
party affiliations be taken for publica-
tion. The motion was carried and the
poll was ordered to be taken at the next
session.

R. A. Cole, of Milwaukee, said "that
while he had the greatest respect for Mrs.
Gougar, he did not think it wise to take
up the cry of prohibition. To denounce
the brewing interests would be to lose
strength among the Germans."

A vigorous effort was made to stop
Mr. Cole, but he held his ground; de-



M. W. HOWARD.
A Prominent Populist Worker.

spite the cries of "Sit down," he con-
tinued to talk. The free silver question
was one that interested the masses and
should not be weighted down by prohibi-
tion. When he had finished the conven-
tion took a recess till 2:30 p. m.

At the afternoon session the question
arose as to proceeding with the platform
and nominations without waiting to hear
from the silver convention.

W. P. St. John insisted that it would
be an insult to the People's party to adopt
the platform before the meeting of the
conference committees of the two conven-
tions. Such action would be an attempt
to jam a ticket down the throat of the
People's party. A half dozen more
speeches were made and twice that num-
ber of men shouted for recognition. In
the midst of the furore, the previous
question was ordered. The vote was on
the amendment to St. John's motion that
when the convention adjourned, it ad-
journ until 10 a. m. to-morrow. The
amendment was to change the time to 8
p. m. to-night. The amendment was
lost by a vote of 146 votes to 151 by a
rising vote. The original motion was
adopted. A good deal of confusion fol-
lowed and some of the delegates went to
their hotels.

A general wrangle followed over the
demand made by some of the delegates
that a poll of the convention be made to

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